Sri Lanka, Germany, Qatar, Italy etc.

(b) State-wise information is not maintained in the Ministry, however, the total quantity of grapes exported during the last 3 years are given below:

1991-92	11147.1 M.T.
1992-93	10801.0 M.T.
1993-94	15931.5 M.T.

(c) the details of foreign exchange earned in terms of rupees are given below:

1991-92	1862.2 Lacs
1992-93	2178.8 Lacs
1993-94	3392.7 Lacs

(d) Average return to the farmers from exports are not maintained in the Ministry, however, the unit value realisation per ton of export during the last 3 years are given below:

1991-92	Rs. 16,700
1992-93	Rs. 20,170
1993-94	Rs. 21,280

(e) and (f) The Ministry has not worked out cost benifit ratio for the grapes exported and the grapes sold in the country.

Observer for deep-sea fishing at Visakhapatnam

2491. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had posted an observer in Visakhapatnam in 1994-95 fishing season, to monitor the problems of the deep sea fishing sector;

(b) if so, the details of report; and

(c) what measures are being taken to revive the sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Technical Committee was constituted to look into the problems of the deep sea fishing industry. Inter-Ministerial action has been initiated to implement the recommendations made by the Technical Committee.

Obstacles in implementing the Murari Committee Report

2492. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of obstacles being faced by Government in implementing the Murari Committee Report to assist the deep sea fishing sector; and

(b) whether there is any possibility of the Report being implemented by 1995-96 season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Inter-Ministerial action has been initiated to implement the recommendations of the Technical Committee. It is, however, difficult to indicate the time frame within which the recommendations will be implemented.

India's share in the World Horticulture Market

2493. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether, inspite of India being the second larget producer of fruits and vegetables in the world, it lacks in terms of post-harvest infrastructure and quality processing technology, and its share in the world's horticulture market is a minisclue, one per cent hardly;

(b) if so, how it is proposed to utilise its enormous potential for fruit and vegetable processing in India, particularly in the context of the Indian food processing industry facing a classic 'penury-amidstplenty' situation; and

(c) whether any long-term plan has been formulated by his Ministry to make the industry's presence felt in the large International market and the expanding domestic market; if so, its broad features and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) With a view to encourage investment in the food processing sector including fruits & vegetable processing sector, Government, besides declaring this sector as a priority industry, have de-licensed this sector and provided fiscal concession in capital goods and exempted the fruits and vegetable products from excise duty. It has also allowed automatic approval for technology agreements, foreign equity investment upto 51% within specified norms. Higher foreign equity investment are also allowed on a case to case basis. Government is also implementing various Plan schemes to promote post-harvest infrastructure for export and domestic market. Certain Plan schemes of the Government also aim at enhancement of processing capabilities, awareness and thereby market expansion of certain fruits & vegetable products, research & development and quality control facilities, etc. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority is trying to encourage exports by arranging participations in the international exhibitions in India and abroad besides organising buyer-seller meets and promotion of fruits & vegetables and their products abroad.

Manufacture of soft drinks concentrate by M/s. Phillip of US

2494. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether yet another US based beverage giant M/s. Phillip Morris who is keen to enter India, has proposed to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary for the manufacture of soft drink concentrate;

(b) whether the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) has since cleared this proposal; if so, on what terms and conditions;

(c) what is its impact on the soft drinks industry in India-both foreign and indigenous; and

(d) what is Government's present thinking on permitting foreign soft drinks firms to set up their ventures in India-wholly owned or in collaboration with the Indian Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The soft drinks industry is delicensed. Each proposal for manufacture of soft drinks, received from a foreign company for setting up a wholly-owned subsidiary or a joint venture with an Indian company is examined on merits.

Assistance to fruit and vegetable-based industries in Gujarat

2495. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing assistance to the fruit and vegetable based industries in various districts of Gujarat;